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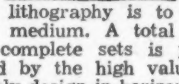
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Robert H. Shellhamer

In March of 1950 when the writer laid aside his U. S. Postage and Revenue Stamp collection to take on the "unknown quantity" "U. S. Possessions Revenue Stamps", he thought that a real problem had been tackled. Our old standby "Forbin" was available however, and even now, after 37 years have passed since the last edition of his catalog of the World's revenues, we must acknowledge the accuracy of most of his and his predecessors listings. Nevertheless, I soon found that the adhesive revenues of the Spanish Colonies are sometimes troublesome and elusive, but the problem of securing some degree of completeness is far from hopeless.

There are always a few of the cut squares of the "Papel Sellado" in any large lot of Spanish Colonial Revenues received. Designs for the Colonial Sello stamped paper issues are apparently always the same as those for some of the adhesive issues, however, the colonial adhesives bore the designs used several years before by the mother country.

The problem of separating the adhesive Sello type stamps has not been covered too well by Forbin as the cuts illustrating the various issues have been omitted. Again — the job is not impossible, but we are now running into more troubles:

We do know that the values of the stamped paper "Sellos" are in most instances not the same as those of the adhesives but 1, Which Colony issued which denominations or 2, Were there just two separate issues — one for the mother country and the other to be used by all the Colonies?

In our search for the answers we found that by an Ordinance dated December 15, 1636, Philip IV first imposed Stamp Taxes in Spain. The Stamp Taxes were extended to all of the Spanish Colonies effective January 1, 1640.

The writer suspects that for at least the first 200 years the same stamped paper as printed for the mother country was used indiscriminately among all of the Colonies, but this suspicion is wholly unfounded. However, it was this opinion which led me to recently acquire a collection of almost 200 documents used in Mexico.

These documents each bear at least one stamp printed at the top of the first sheet and on some documents there are two or three stamp impressions — each for a different two year period (apparently due to an attempt to make use of excess documentary paper from previous years).

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## An Active Field With Many Fans Who Collect, Buy And Sell The World's Revenues

Alfred D. Schoch

Some stampologists appreciate the philatelic attraction of foreign revenues but shy at forming a collection or stock of them for fear they would fare badly when they want to sell. Their beliefs, however, are not well founded in regard to the supposed superiority of postage stamps. Their chances with postage stamps would be no better, as they can verify by taking their album and stock books under their arms and making the rounds of some of the dealers.

People are usually credulous if not gullible as to possibilities for easy money in any stamps. The monetary side of stamp collecting becomes so large in their eyes that aircastles are built up which later on are destined to crumble and topple. You must know that stamp dealers buy the stamps at wholesale prices and sell them at retail with a legitimate profit added.

Several years later these dealers can't be expected to buy them back at two or three times their former selling price. If anything like that were possible, dealers would hold them for the rise themselves!

It is true that some collectors make money in their philatelic activities, but they are not the majority. The few who profit are shrewd and well informed people who know what they are doing. They usually have the qualifications needed for successful speculation or investment in any other line. They have horsetrading ability, and don't put their money into cheap stamps bought in mixtures, packets or from "penny approvals." When a collection is offered to a dealer for sale, it is common practice for him to estimate the immediate value to him of the best stamps and leave out considerably.

The schoolboy collector goes from the sublime to the ridiculous when he buys a postage stamp for his collection for a cent and imagines he is showing speculative ability and has made a sound investment in an article of value. We can salute it as a truly great thing for philately to achieve such a tremendous psychic effect in any human being's mind on such a slender capital resource and bow our heads in silent admiration. But usually nothing will come of it later.

### Postage versus Revenues

Ready-made mounted collections of postage stamps containing 30,000 different varieties, guaranteed to contain no revenues, can be bought at a price of about 1 cent per stamp. The same number of revenues of the world are worth considerably more. This is a good example where the supposed monetary advantage of postage stamps over revenues breaks down.

The great bulk of readily obtainable postage stamps are not entitled to nearly so much veneration as "valuable property." The situation in marketing a collection is no better than the prospects for revenue stamps. The real benefit of collecting stamps is not financial but lies rather in the direction of the individual's entertainment, training and culture, the widening of his knowledge, interests and outlook. These can just as well be obtained from revenue collecting as from postage collecting.

If you ever have a large quantity of foreign revenue stamps in bulk for disposal, you can figure they are at least as much per thousand as the same quantity of mixed postage stamps of the same country. For some countries the revenues will be worth more than if they were postage stamps of the same country!

### Selling Revenues

If you have a very small collection of revenue stamps for sale, just a few hundred varieties, it would be well not to offer it to a

## HPO System Has Stop, Two Starts

One less HPO route is forecast by Virgil J. Geary, secretary of the National Highway Post Office Society. The JACK & GRENADA H.P.O. (Jackson, Tenn. and Grenada, Miss.) established December 5, 1949 will be discontinued January 3 unless granted another reprieve.

It was scheduled to stop December 3 but was given a 30 day extension probably to help facilitate holiday mail.

Last day covers will be possible. Prepared envelopes to be sent to "Clerk in Charge, on duty January 3, 1954, c-o each Terminal (Jackson and Grenada)" for cancellation on last mile of Trip.

Offsetting the one loss will be the inaugural runs of two new routes on January 11 or shortly thereafter. They are:

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Envelopes bearing a name and address, kept to the right side, a 3c stamp and enclosing a stuffer are to be sent to the Postmasters of each terminal city for service.

A short note accompanying should carry the request for service. In the case where Sioux City is the terminal city on two routes, it is suggested that packages of covers be carefully marked and mailed a couple of days apart.

## Topical Branch For Boston Collectors

Efforts are under way to form a branch chapter of the American Topical Association in the Boston, Mass. area. This group would be for stamp collectors who are interested in topical stamp collecting, and for those who might wish to start such a collection, including beginning collectors.

Information is available from Harvey C. Smith, 6 Garrison St. (Apt. 6) Boston 16, Mass.

Information on the American Topical Association is available from Allyn H. Wright, 469 W. 166th St., New York 32, N. Y., who invites other collectors interested in forming chapters in their communities to write to him.



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911 Norway	.09	.36
912 Luxembourg	.09	.36
913 Netherlands	.09	.36
914 Belgium	.09	.36
915 France	.09	.36
916 Greece	.14	.56
917 Yugoslavia	.11	.44
918 Albania	.14	.56
919 Austria	.11	.44
920 Denmark	.14	.56
921 Korea	.17	.65
922 Railroad	.07	.28
923 Steamship	.07	.28
924 Telegraph	.07	.28
925 Corregidor	.09	.36
926 Movie	.07	.28
927 Florida	.06	.24
928 Conference	.09	.36
929 Iwo Jima	.06	.24
930 Roosevelt	.03	.12
931 Roosevelt	.05	.20
932 Roosevelt	.05	.20
933 Roosevelt	.07	.28
934 Army	.05	.20
935 Navy	.05	.20
936 Coast Guard	.05	.20
937 Al Smith	.06	.24
938 Texas	.06	.24
939 Merchant Marine	.06	.24
940 Discharge	.06	.24
941 Tennessee	.06	.24
942 Iowa	.06	.24
943 Smithsonian	.06	.24
944 New Mexico	.06	.24
945 Edison	.06	.24
946 Pulitzer	.06	.24
947 Centenary	.06	.24
948 Cipex	.25	.10
949 Doctor	.06	.24
950 Utah	.06	.24
951 Constitution	.06	.24
952 Everglades	.06	.24
953 Carver	.05	.20
954 Gold Dis.	.05	.20
955 Mississippi	.05	.20
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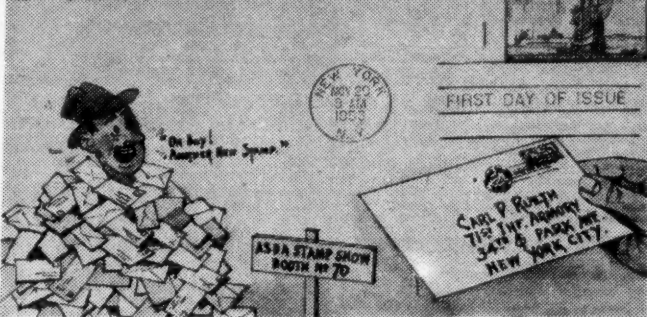
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Kenneth M. Gierhart  
P. O. Box 381  
Baltimore, Ohio

## SYCAMORE, OHIO

A new OHIO town. This I believe is in the Tiffin area. User unknown. Values seen are 1c and 2c Presidents. Type U-120n.

## NEW JERSEY ROUNDUP

The annual Roundup of the North Jersey Precancel Club will be held January 24 (1954) at The Public Service, Gas and Electric Co. 80 Park Place, Newark. The meeting will be held in the Recreation room on the second floor. Hours from 10 till 7. This location is just two blocks from the Pennsylvania station. Contact Leonard G. Riley, 14 Ruth St., Irvington, N.J. for further details.

## Precancelled Envelopes.

In one of the journals our attention was called to the purchase of a large collection and stock of precancelled envelopes by Fred Allen of New Rochelle, N.Y. It is Mr. Allen's intention as we understand it to transform this stock to cut square size (possibly 2 x 4) and popularize this form of collecting. Possibly bring out an album for the cut down sizes. This will be a very interesting matter to watch because if accomplished will be one of the few times ever such a thing has been carried through. Sensible as it is, it seems that it is on a par with the movement to remove gum from old U.S. stamps. Everybody agrees it should be done but no one will take the step to do it. You will remember several times when speaking about precancelled envelopes we cautioned collectors to keep them entire. Well here seems to be a man who thinks differently and is bold enough to take a forward step. We hope he succeeds.

## New Herm Commems Late This Month

A new issue of postage stamps is forecast for New Herm Island by the end of this month by William Rowcroft, Jr. of South Ozone Park, N. Y. While of a local nature only, the Herm issues have been gathered by numerous collectors.

The printing of but 20,000 complete sets will consist of denominations of 4 doubles, 8 doubles, 2d,

## EVERYTHING HAS ITS' MARKET

That is as true a statement as was ever written but only if you can find the market. A precancel dealer is not usually the logical buyer for stampless covers nor is a British dealer usually the logical buyer for a collection of Christmas Seals.

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It is titled "The Romance of Israel's Stamps". Author is Harold U. Ribalow who apparently is not himself a collector but who had his manuscript checked by someone who is, or who did some more than ordinary research on the subject.

According to Sherwin Podolsky of Chicago, the article considers Israel's stamps from an objective viewpoint. The symbolism of the designs and the historical background are discussed.

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860 2c Cooper	.....	.17	.14	.04	.03	
861 3c Emerson	.....	.20	.17	.06	.02	
862 5c Alcott	.....	.26	.25	.09	.06	
863 10c Clemens	.....	5.75	1.75	.43	.31	
864 1c Longfellow	.....	.32	.29	.07	.03	
865 2c Whittier	.....	.24	.18	.06	.02	
866 3c Lowell	.....	.70	.40	.10	.04	
867 5c Whitman	.....	1.10	.40	.10	.06	
868 10c Riley	.....	6.50	3.20	.80	.25	
869 1c Mann	.....	.22	.20	.05	.02	
870 2c Hopkins	.....	.24	.20	.06	.02	
871 3c Eliot	.....	.75	.70	.17	.02	
872 5c Willard	.....	1.00	.47	.12	.06	
873 10c B. T. Wash-	.....	3.00	1.00	.40	.15	
ington	.....	.16	.11	.03	.02	
874 1c Audubon	.....	.20	.17	.06	.02	
875 2c Long	.....	.24	.21	.06	.02	
876 3c Burbank	.....	.65	.35	.09	.06	
877 5c Reed	.....	3.35	1.80	.38	.15	
878 10c Addams	.....	.16	.11	.03	.02	
879 1c Foster	.....	.19	.17	.05	.02	
880 2c Sousa	.....	.35	.30	.07	.02	
881 3c Herbert	.....	1.20	.40	.10	.06	
882 5c MacDowell	.....	4.50	2.95	.75	.14	
883 10c Nevin	.....	.14	.12	.03	.02	
884 1c Stuart	.....	.17	.16	.04	.02	
885 2c Whistler	.....	.24	.20	.06	.02	
886 3c St. Gaudens	.....	1.10	.40	.10	.06	
887 5c French	.....	5.00	1.60	.42	.15	
888 10c Remington	.....	.44	.24	.06	.03	
889 1c Whitney	.....	.21	.17	.05	.02	
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### Spanish Colonial Revenue Stamped Paper, A Difficult But Fascinating Pursuit

Robert H. Shellhamer

In March of 1950 when the writer laid aside his U. S. Postage and Revenue Stamp collection to take on the "unknown quantity" "U. S. Possessions Revenue Stamps", he thought that a real problem had been tackled. Our old standby "Forbin" was available however, and even now, after 37 years have passed since the last edition of his catalog of the World's revenues, we must acknowledge the accuracy of most of his and his predecessors listings. Nevertheless, I soon found that the adhesive revenues of the Spanish Colonies are sometimes troublesome and elusive, but the problem of securing some degree of completeness is far from hopeless.

There are always a few of the cut squares of the "Papel Sellado" in any large lot of Spanish Colonial Revenues received. Designs for the Colonial Sello stamped paper issues are apparently always the same as those for some of the adhesive issues, however, the colonial adhesives bore the designs used several years before by the mother country.

The problem of separating the adhesive Sello type stamps has not been covered too well by Forbin as the cuts illustrating the various issues have been omitted. Again — the job is not impossible, but we are now running into more troubles.

We do know that the values of the stamped paper "Sellos" are in most instances not the same as those of the adhesives but 1, Which Colony issued which denominations or 2, Were there just two separate issues — one for the mother country and the other to be used by all the Colonies?

In our search for the answers we found that by an Ordinance dated December 15, 1636, Philip IV first imposed Stamp Taxes in Spain. The Stamp Taxes were extended to all of the Spanish Colonies effective January 1, 1640.

The writer suspects that for at least the first 200 years the same stamped paper as printed for the mother country was used indiscriminately among all of the Colonies, but this suspicion is wholly unfounded. However, it was this opinion which led me to recently acquire a collection of almost 200 documents used in Mexico.

These documents each bear at least one stamp printed at the top of the first sheet and on some documents there are two or three stamp impressions — each for a different two year period (apparently due to an attempt to make use of excess documentary paper from previous years).

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### Hong Kong Set Due January 5

Sale of a new issue of definitive bearing the portrait of Queen Elizabeth will go on sale in the British Colony of Hong Kong January 5. The existing series will be withdrawn from further sale at the close of post office business on the day before.

Postmaster General L. C. Saville advised that the denominations are to be 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10. To assist local collectors the post office will have single complete sets packed in cellophane envelopes ready for sale, limit two, at \$19.95 each (Hong Kong dollars).

PMG Saville made known that the Coronation commem will have no further sale after the close of business December 31.

### Another Supplement For Vienna Catalog

The 27th supplement to the Vienna Postage Stamp Catalog has just been received by Otto Wlaschich, 55 Nagle Ave., New York 34, N. Y. who is the United States agent.

This current addition has pages for Germany's Anglo-American Zone, the Russian Zone, West Berlin and the Saar mandate; Italy, Romania, and the revised pages for Switzerland from the beginning to 1949.

Language of the Vienna Catalog is German, pricing is in Austrian Schillings. Illustrations are good while each issue is accompanied with informative text such as the first day of issue, how printed and the occasion for the issuance.

Pages are punched for a two-ring binder. Other supplements and the full catalog can be gotten from Mr. Wlaschich.

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### An Active Field With Many Fans Who Collect, Buy And Sell The World's Revenues

Alfred D. Schoch

Some stampologists appreciate the philatelic attraction of foreign revenues but shy at forming a collection or stock of them for fear they would fare badly when they want to sell. Their beliefs, however, are not well founded in regard to the supposed superiority of postage stamps. Their chances with postage stamps would be no better, as they can verify by taking their album and stock books under their arms and making the rounds of some of the dealers.

People are usually credulous if not gullible as to possibilities for easy money in any stamps. The monetary side of stamp collecting becomes so large in their eyes that aircastles are built up which later on are destined to crumble and topple. You must know that stamp dealers buy the stamps at wholesale prices and sell them at retail with a legitimate profit added.

Several years later these dealers can't be expected to buy them back at two or three times their former selling price. If anything like that were possible, dealers would hold them for the rise themselves!

It is true that some collectors make money in their philatelic activities, but they are not the majority. The few who profit are shrewd and well informed people who know what they are doing. They usually have the qualifications needed for successful speculation or investment in any other line. They have horsetrading ability, and don't put their money into cheap stamps bought in mixtures, packets or from "penny approvals." When a collection is offered to a dealer for sale, it is common practice for him to estimate the immediate value to him of the best stamps and leave out consideration of the rest almost entirely.

The schoolboy collector goes from the sublime to the ridiculous when he buys a postage stamp for his collection for a cent and imagines he is showing speculative ability and has made a sound investment in an article of value. We can salute it as a truly great thing for philately to achieve such a tremendous psychic effect in any human being's mind on such a slender capital resource and bow our heads in silent admiration. But usually nothing will come of it later.

### Postage versus Revenues

Ready-made mounted collections of postage stamps containing 30,000 different varieties, guaranteed to contain no revenues, can be bought at a price of about 1 cent per stamp. The same number of revenues of the world are worth considerably more. This is a good example where the supposed monetary advantage of postage stamps over revenues breaks down.

The great bulk of readily obtainable postage stamps are not entitled to nearly so much veneration as "valuable property." The situation in marketing a collection is no better than the prospects for revenue stamps. The real benefit of collecting stamps is not financial but lies rather in the direction of the individual's entertainment, training and culture, the widening of his knowledge, interests and outlook. These can just as well be obtained from revenue collecting as from postage collecting.

If you ever have a large quantity of foreign revenue stamps in bulk for disposal, you can figure they are at least as much per thousand as the same quantity of mixed postage stamps of the same country. For some countries the revenues will be worth more than if they were postage stamps of the same country!

### Selling Revenues

If you have a very small collection of revenue stamps for sale, just a few hundred varieties, it would be well not to offer it to a

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### HPO System Has Stop, Two Starts

One less HPO route is forecast by Virgil J. Geary, secretary of the National Highway Post Office Society. The JACK & GRENADA H.P.O. (Jackson, Tenn. and Grenada, Miss.) established December 5, 1949 will be discontinued January 3 unless granted another reprieve.

It was scheduled to stop December 3 but was given a 30 day extension probably to help facilitate holiday mail.

Last day covers will be possible. Prepared envelopes to be sent to "Clerk in Charge, on duty January 3, 1954, c-o each Terminal (Jackson and Grenada)" for cancellation on last runs of Trips 1 and 2.

Offsetting the one loss will be the inaugural runs of two new routes on January 11 or shortly thereafter. They are:

Sioux Falls, S. D. and Philips, S.D.

Worthington, Minn. and Sioux Falls, S. D.

Envelopes bearing a name and address, kept to the right side, a 3c stamp and enclosing a stuffer are to be sent to the Postmasters of each terminal city for service. A short note accompanying should carry the request for service.

In the case where Sioux City is the terminal city on two routes, it is suggested that packages of covers be carefully marked and mailed a couple of days apart.

### Topical Branch For Boston Collectors

Efforts are under way to form a branch chapter of the American Topical Association in the Boston, Mass. area. This group would be for stamp collectors who are interested in topical stamp collecting, and for those who might wish to start such a collection, including beginning collectors.

Information is available from Harvey C. Smith, 6 Garrison St. (Apt. 6) Boston 16, Mass.

Information on the American Topical Association is available from Allyn H. Wright, 469 W. 166th St., New York 32, N. Y., who invites other collectors interested in forming chapters in their communities to write to him.



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108	4c Yellow Brown	.06	109	4c Green	.07	110	4c Yellow Green	.08	111	5c Blue Green	.09
112	5c Blue	.10	113	5c Red	.10	114	5c Yellow	.10	115	5c Green	.10
116	5c Blue Green	.10	117	5c Red	.10	118	5c Yellow	.10	119	5c Green	.10
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120	1c Black	.02	121	1c Gray	.02	122	1c Pale Gray	.02	123	2c Lilac Brown	.03
124	2c Violet Brown	.04	125	2c Orange	.04	126	2c Red	.05	127	3c Vermilion	.05
128	4c Yellow Brown	.06	129	4c Green	.07	130	4c Yellow Green	.08	131	5c Blue Green	.09
132	5c Blue	.10	133	5c Red	.10	134	5c Yellow	.10	135	5c Green	.10
1900-1901 Designed by Mouchon											
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136	10c Rose Red	.40	137	15c Orange	.10	138	15c Pale Red	.15	139	25c Blue	2.00
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144	40c Pale Red & Blue	.15	145	40c Red & Blue	.15	146	45c Yellow, Green and Blue	.30	147	45c Olive Green & Blue	.50
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184	25c Deep Blue	1.50	185	30c Violet	2.00	186	30c Violet	2.00	187	45c Violet	.25
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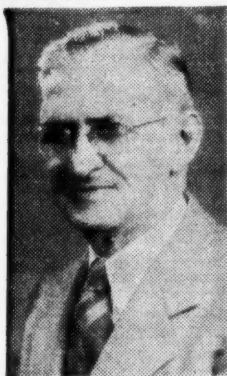
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## Right In The Middle

Our issue last week was just a few days before Christmas, while the issue for this week is a few days after Christmas and a few days before New Years. In fact, right in the middle between Christmas and New Years.



GEORGE W. LINN

It is therefore a very appropriate issue in which to say the usual thing about wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Some feel that when such salutations are made that the matter is done and closed till another year rolls around, but somehow I can not quite feel that way and never did. I take the gesture of wishing one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year a bit more to heart, especially the Happy New Year part for to have a Happy New Year one has to be happy for a full three hundred and sixty-five days, whereas to have a Merry Christmas requires only the one day, so I figure out that if I really mean what I say in wishing folks a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that my biggest obligation is to do what little I can to make the New Year a Happy one for them. If I accomplish this it is certain that the Christmas that comes up only at the end of the year will be a Merry one.

At Linn's Weekly Stamp News office, all of our employees are encouraged to do their work in such manner that the subscriber and the advertiser will be pleased with the results. We believe that in this manner we can contribute a little bit towards making it a Happy New Year for you.

There is an old saying "Charity Begins at Home". Some time ago we set up a Christmas Bonus plan for our employees. This bonus increases each year up to the fifth year that an employee is with us after which it stands at the same rate year after year. We believe this will be an incentive for our employees to serve us better and in doing that they will serve you better. That will help in making each new year a happy one for you, and when another Christmas rolls around it too should be a Merry Christmas.

So just remember that in wishing you a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year that we are thinking of you the whole year 'round.

## Visiting Firemen

You all know that the term "Visiting Firemen" is used to refer to (birds) folks of a kin when they get together at some distant rendezvous. We are already able to report that we are being looked up by friends and stamp collectors from far and near. We always have time for a chat with all and enjoy their visits. We intend also to make some visits ourselves for we have had letters inviting us here and there about the state of Florida.

One of the first letters of invitation came to us about the time we settled here. It came from a Mr. and Mrs. Remley who are regular readers of our paper and who told us that we should come directly across the end of little Lake Harris, straight across the boat basin in Howey and we would find their home, a knotty pine house on the other side.

We have made some inquiries as to how to get around there by auto but have not yet found the right road. Today I got out my binoculars and stood in the door of our living room and picked the house out clearly and brought it right up to our back fence. Now we definitely know where the Remleys live and after the first of the year we plan to get a boat when we will be able to visit with them.

Last Sunday afternoon we were visited by one of our Dayton, Ohio readers who has been a long time subscriber. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Reade who is located at one of the air bases in Dayton has been on a three week vacation trip about Florida and dropped in on us. We had a very pleasant chat and a look about the yard. While the Reads' were here we had another surprise in the person of A. H. Gamber. It has been perhaps thirty years since I first met Gamber who at that time and up until the past few years was located at Fargo, N. Dakota, I believe. Mr. Gamber's a well known Precancel enthusiast now living in DeLand, Florida. DeLand is over close to Daytona Beach. We look forward to a full afternoon session with Mr. Gamber.

## A Real Collector

Perhaps one of the best definitions for a real collector would be a collector who knows what he wants and never gives up till he gets what he wants. We could easily apply that to Dr. Harold K. Thompson of Boston, for some weeks ago we mentioned a Canadian city named "East Side of Ragged Island, Nova Scotia." Dr. Thompson wanted a cancellation from this place and when he sent his covers to the postmaster they were returned.

Then the fight began for Dr. Thompson jumped on the postmaster and also on the Canadian Post Office Department and gave them a real scrap.

Thompson finally won in some manner for now we have evidence to that effect in the form of a cover with Thompson's name in the upper left corner and addressed direct to us here at Howey-in-the-Hills. A five word town coming to a four word town.

Speaking of cancellations as we have at times has brought word of another couple cancellations which seem to be unique. George Stugard of Cincinnati, Ohio must also like unusual cancels for he has written of two that we will mention. One is believed to be the shortest, the other the longest, in the number of letters in the name of the Post Office.

First is "TI" which is located in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. The other is "BOOKER WASHINGTON BIRTHPLACE" a 26 letter town located in Franklin County, Virginia.

Are these the longest and shortest? Cancel fans can verify this by searching the Postal Guide.

## Correcting An Error

Herman Herst writing under the heading of Dealers Clinic in the November 2 issue of Stamp Wholesaler attempts to give an idea of the circulation of the various stamp papers. For some time past we have been claiming 37,000, then 38,000, now well beyond 39,000 and a letter from our home office states that if the subscriptions continue to come as they have been coming for the past several weeks, we will pass the 40,000 mark by January 1st, 1954 or a bit thereafter.

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"In the future use something besides my stamp tongs to put ice cubes in the drinks!"

have any not listed write to E. Hubbard, 4526 Katherine, Sherman Oaks, Cal. The year dates I give are the dates of the last issue listed on the supplement in question, and in most cases is the approximate time the supplement was issued.

Some if not all of the supplements appeared in the French philatelic press at that time, of which copies were reprinted from the standing type for Mr. Forbin. Perhaps some would like to have these reprinted. If sufficient response is forthcoming I am sure Mr. Hubbard will take this up with the officers of the A.R.A.

(\*) No. 5 I have been unable to obtain, but, it resides in the library of a friend.

## Franke Elected President Of NMPA

At the annual convention of the New Mexico Philatelic Association recently new officers for 1953-54 were installed at a banquet held at the Tivoli in Jaurez, Mexico Armin W. Franke of Santa Fe, was re-elected president, Lillis M. Fisher of Roswell, Melvin Ross of El Paso, Texas, and Robert G. Norfleet of Albuquerque, vice-presidents, and Mrs. Joyce Franke of Santa Fe, secretary-treasurer.

The El Paso Stamp Club was host for the convention and exhibition, being a chapter of the New Mexico Philatelic Association. Over 130 frames of stamps were on display.

## Forbin's Fiscal Stamp Catalogs

### Mondial "Rebde" Stempel

Many collectors have heard of the Forbin Fiscal Catalogue, which covered the revenues of the world, and while published in 1915, it is still the standard reference, and guide on issues up to that time. By using the evaluation of 5 francs equal \$1.00 (of course in many cases the stamps are underpriced, and in others overpriced) we have our guide.

Those of the fortunate few who own a copy can certainly be proud lads. There were two previous editions one in 1909, and previous to that the 1905 edition, both of these are indeed very seldom seen, even in some of the finest libraries.

Previous to the catalogues, Mr. Forbin published a bulletin devoted to fiscals, this ran from October 1904, to October 1906, it carried listings of many countries, and mentioned new issues, the title was — "Le Bulletin Fiscaliste", most appropriate.

What few of our friend fiscalists are aware of is that Mr. Forbin issued supplements to the 1915 catalogue for many countries, in the early 1930's. We have been fortunate in obtaining a number of these for our library, but, still lack several of them that we know of.

Following is the list of countries we know to have been covered by his supplements: (1) Bulgaria-1934; (2) Chile-1933; (3) Costa Rica-1935; (4) Greece-1935; (5) Belgium- (\*) (6) Danzig - 1934; (7) Peru 1933; (8) Luxembourg-1936; (9) Portugal, and Colonies-1935 (4 pp. which include Angola, Guinea, Azores, Portugese India, Macao, Mozambique, and Timor); (10) Saar-1926 (2 pp.), and (11) Spain-1932.

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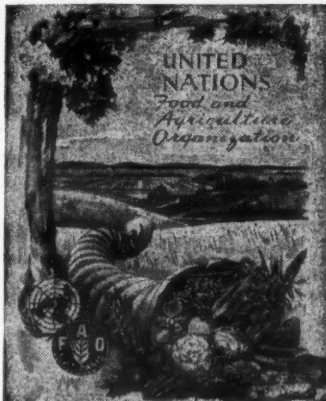
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**NOTES**

BY CARL P. RUETH

This week our reading matter deals for the most part with revenue stamps. It has been compiled by members of the American Revenue Association.

There is no question about the relative popularities of postage and revenue issues for the postage have a tremendously larger number of followers and probably for several good reasons. The first, and in my opinion the foremost is the plentiful supply and easy access to the stickers which carry the mail.

Most collectors get started with stamps they have gotten off incoming mail or given to them by others. Revenue stamps are not that common, and plentiful as some of them are you have to put forth a little effort.

I think a person includes revenues after he has been in the hobby for a while and has become somewhat of a specialist and a dilettante. He becomes enamored with a certain country's stamps then makes with an all-out approach that includes the revenue issues, especially on original documents.

Advanced collectors of United States who do not want to branch out into foreign to maintain their philatelic interests, generally select the revenues as their sustaining field.

Another big factor in favor of the revenues is the attractiveness of their designs, and this applies not only to the U. S. but to practically all foreign. As a whole the revenues are much more attractive than the postage issues. Likewise they were required for a definite purpose and were not the result of bombastic zeal on the part of some "we want a stamp committee".

Next time you get to a stamp show of any size look for a revenue display. I think you'll agree the field is compelling.

1. In what year did the first U. S. Revenue stamps appear?
2. The first issue of Revenues ranged between what denominations?

In the December 14 edition I mentioned the air letters of Robert Liikala of Perry, Ohio which had the overlay running in opposite directions from each other. He wanted to know whether one was more scarce than the other, or whether there were other combinations.

A very timely assist has been sent by L. B. Gatchell, editor of the American Airmail Society publications. Information about such items is carried in the American Air Mail Catalogue of Air Letter Sheets, a Society publication.

Since we have one here at the office I should have thought of looking in it right off, but didn't. It was probably the day I have liverwurst, lemon meringue pie and root beer for dinner.

The catalogue has the following to say about the air letters:

"... THE LEGEND UNITED STATES FOREIGN AIR MAIL found in the overlay may be vertical or horizontal depending on how the sheets have been cut. The lines may be vertical on one side and horizontal on the reverse or they may read up or down, or from left to right or right to left, or may occur in combinations of any two on front or back — a total of eight possible combinations."

Mr. Gatchell further comments that "all are equally common". And, "I assume that Mr. Liikala is talking about the current sheet. If he has the earlier one the lines come in four possible combinations."

This Air Letter Sheet Catalog has been reviewed in Linn's some months ago. However to refresh your memories it deals with air letters, prisoner of war and military air letter cards of all the world's countries which have issued them.

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In the past two weeks six exhibition chairmen in separate sections of the nation have asked about philatelic agencies and auctions in connection with their stamp shows. So it seems to be about time to extend my long white neck and state a personal opinion about the matter.

No doubt about it, temporary philatelic agencies on the premises of an exhibition having twenty to thirty different kinds of commems in full sheets for sale at face, drain off a lot of purchasing power. Such money would, in the long run, be better spent by individuals if they bought items missing from their albums than to lay in blocks and sheets of stamps mostly with the intention of making money at some rosy future time.

Philatelic Agency money should be spent with the dealers who have rented bourse space, and who thereby generally defray the lease cost of the exhibition room. These merchants are entitled to all the break you can give them, and you don't do that with a philatelic agency.

Likewise, it isn't fair to these dealers if you invite an auction firm in to stage a sale thereby taking people away from the bourse. Usually the auction house pays nothing for this privilege. If the auctioneer pays, then he is entitled to his few hours.

Most of the auctions so staged are a laugh. I have in mind one in connection with an exhibition I attended west of the Mississippi River in the past several months. The material offered was nice enough, but the auctioneer had a starting bid tacked on which was more than you could buy it at the better dealers handling United States.

As a guess, I would say that he carted half the stuff back to his office unsold. Of course, he will have it out again at his next go at the public — and perhaps back in his vaults again if he doesn't get his price.

I think it is about time that the ASDA, APS, and SPA have a crack at this type retailing and originate a name for it — maybe the Federal Trade Commission too, if it is within their province.

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Remove the halves and after washing, flatten them out carefully. They can easily be joined by means of stamp hinges on reverse. The use of ordinary transparent tape is inadvisable, as it has a tendency to curl.

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 1020—Louisiana Purchase, St. Louis, Mo., April 30.  
 1047—Aviation 6c, Dayton, Ohio, May 29.  
 1021 — Commodore Perry 5c, Washington, D. C., July 14.  
 1022 — Bar Asso. 3c, Boston, Mass., August 24.  
 1023—Sagamore Mill 3c, Oyster Bay, N. Y. September 14.  
 1024 — Future Farmers 3c, Kansas City, Mo., October 13.  
 1025 — Trucking Industry 3c, Los Angeles, Calif. October 27.  
 1026 — Gen. Patton 3c, Fort Knox, Ky. November 11.  
 1027—NYC 300 Years 3c, New York, N. Y. November 20.

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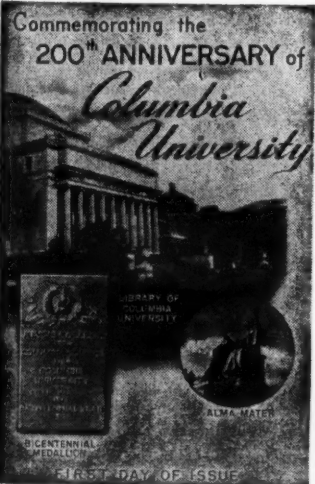
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### Treasury Secretaries On Revenues

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The treasury Department was organized by Act of Congress on September 2, 1789 with President Washington commissioning Alexander Hamilton as the first Secretary of the Treasury on September 11.

All of the first 25 Secretaries were pictured on the new series of revenue stamps appearing in 1940. When three additional denominations were added in 1944 the names next in line were not used; instead they were picked at random, as was again done in 1952 when the six new denominations were added.

It is found that of the remaining 27 Secretaries of the Treasury some appear on revenues not well known. For instance, the vignette of William P. Fessenden of Maine, next in line after Chase, can be seen on the 5 lb. Tobacco stamp of the 1891 series.

George S. Boutwell of Massachusetts appears on the rectified spirits of Puerto Rico issue.

Lot M. Morrill of Maine has his portrait on the 1 gallon distilled spirits series of 1940, and John G. Carlisle of Kentucky appears on the 1pt. and 1qt. green liquor strips.

Daniel Manning of New York is shown on the \$5 motor vehicle tax stamp of 1945.

Charles Foster of Ohio has his picture as the vignette on the 1½ lb. tobacco stamp of 1950.

Among those who have not as yet made their debuts on revenues are Hugh McCulloch of Indiana; William A. Richardson of Massachusetts; Benjamin H. Bristow of Kentucky; John Sherman of Ohio; Charles S. Fairchild of New York; Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa; George B. Cortelyou of New York; Franklin MacVeagh of Illinois; William G. McAdoo of New York; Carter Glass of Virginia; David F. Houston of Missouri; Andrew Mellon of Pennsylvania; Ogden Mills, William Woodin and Henry Morgenthau, Jr. all of New York; plus the more recent Fred Vinson and John Snyder.

### Costello President Of Washington Club

John S. Costello has been chosen president of the Collectors Club of Washington, D.C. by his fellow members at recent elections. Other officers are vice president Alexander Halperson; treasurer Ellery Dennison; executive and recording secretaries E. J. Thompson and Jerome Sherman respectively.

The group meets the first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 419 Seventh St. N. W. Visitors are quite welcome.

### Revenues Off The Beaten Path

Collecting off the beaten path has many advantages which the ordinary collector fails to see or appreciate. One of the big ones is that of discovery. Excluding new issues it is much more likely that a person in a little tramped field, such as some revenue specialties will find something entirely new and unheard of in major stamp varieties, without having to look for "specks," than those in the much mulled over philatelic groups.

This thrill of really new discoveries is one that is more stimulating than any other aspect of stamp collecting. It serves to satisfy the inherent pioneering instinct that lies somewhere, however hidden, in the breasts of most human beings.

On this subject we like what a friend has to say: "In choosing the branch of his hobby the average stamp collector might just as well wear a coat of wool! — First day covers, commemorative plate blocks, etc. etc. — which are all fine to collect — but too often the items seem to collect the collector instead of the other way around! The joys of collecting are far richer when one invades the comparatively little collected fields (such as revenues etc.) instead of traveling with the flock!"

The principal objection from most collectors against leaving the beaten path is that the hobby doesn't pay off then. All I have to say is that it is a sad commentary on stamp collecting that the aim of pleasure should be replaced by an aim of personal gain. However, this is pretty much in line with the fact that today, too often, we hear from our neighbors, "What is there in it for me?" instead of "What may I do to help you?"

We must point out, also, before we dispose of this subject, that almost without exception the real philatelists, people who have really studied stamps thru dealing in them or collecting them, eventually go in for some untrammelled field such as Revenues or even more exotic fields. We might go so far as to say that they have really grown up philatelically while the collectors of the commonplace first day covers, plate blocks and the like are philatelic juveniles — mere babes in arms, however reluctantly these collectors are willing to face the truth!

As in any field of endeavor, the Philatelist of Distinction, earns this title by being a pioneer and not by following the herd!

### Flowers Most Popular Topical Subject

If you have wondered which topics were the most popular with collectors a recent survey of the new yearbook of the American Topical Association provides an answer based on members' stated collecting interests. The ten most popular topics with ATA members, and the % of total membership collecting each follows:

Flowers	14.4%
Trains, etc.	13.8%
Religion	9.0%
Ships, Boats,	9.0%
Animals	7.2%
Birds	6.7%
Sports	6.3%
Music, Musicians, 6.3%	
Americana, FDR, 6.1%	
Maps and Globes 6.1%	

As one result of this survey, a committee of ATA members is rushing work on a comprehensive check-list of flowers on stamps with common names, Latin binomials and family names.

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1948	Jugoslavia, 3 varieties	1.00	—
1948-51	Jugoslavia, 8 varieties	.75	—
1943-52	Mexico, Complete (one each year)	.75	—
1947-49	New South Wales	.35	—
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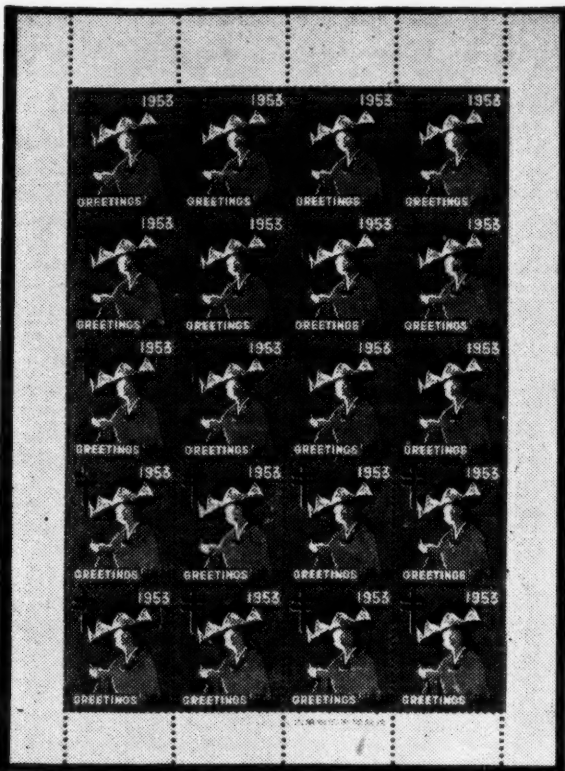
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BERMUDA — Two stamps of the current definitive issue were overprinted locally marking the three power talks in Bermuda. The overprint reads "Three Power Talks December 1953", on the 3 pence and 1 shilling 3d value. The stamps are to remain on sale until December 31, unless sold out sooner.

BELGIUM — On December 15 the Belgium Government placed on sale eight values comprising their annual "Antitubercular" set. The first values feature an allegory relating to the fight against tuberculosis (Lorraine Cross crushing a monster representing evil). These are 20c plus 5c; 80c plus 20c; 1.20fr plus 30c; 1.50fr plus 50c.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Two new sets have been released, according to Artia. One marks the 70th anniversary of the National Theatre in Prague. The 30h features Ema Destinova (75th anniversary of her birth) famous Czech opera singer; 60h National Theatre, and 2kcs., Eduard Vojan, (100th anniversary of his birth) outstanding Czech actor.

The second set, issued November 7, marks the month of Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship. The 30h pictures Hradcany Castle and the Kremlin; the 60h pictures Lomonosov University in Moscow and the 1.20 Kcs. shows the V. I. Lenin ship canal.

DENMARK — A ferry stamp has been produced by overprinting "Postfaerge" on the 10 ore green waveline type postage stamp, according to the Danish Postal Philatelic Agency.

EGYPT — On November 23 a 10 mil blue stamp, with a symbolic design, was issued commemorating the Electronic Exposition held in Cairo.

GREAT BRITAIN — The Post-

master General has announced that the 3, 6 and 7 pence Elizabeth II stamps, part of the regular issue, will be placed on sale on January 18.

JUGOSLAVIA — According to the Director of the Division of Postal Exploitation, two Red Cross stamps were released October 25 showing a nurse giving plasma to a patient. One stamp merely has the value "2" and the other bears "2 Porto (tax)."

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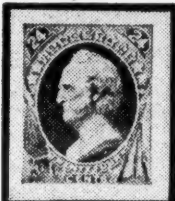
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He served in the Black Hawk war of 1832, pacifying the nullifiers in South Carolina—participated in the Seminole and Creek campaigns 1835-1837, completing treaties of peace with numerous Indian tribes — went on duty at the Canadian border 1838 preventing boundary conflicts. He was appointed as Commander in Chief of the U. S. Army in 1841.

As commander in the Mexican War, he captured Vera Cruz in 1846 — defeated the Mexicans at Cerro Gordo, Contreras, Churubusco, Molino del Rey and Chapultepec—and occupied Mexico City, all in the year 1847. This earned him promotion to the rank of Lieutenant General of the U. S. Army.

In 1852 he ran for president on the Whig party ticket — but of course, he didn't win—seems as how those Whig-fellers never could muster enough votes to fill high office in their latter days.

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**REVENUE STAMP ILLUSTRATIONS** are confined to (1) an enlarged section of the border or center; (2) stamps pictured as part of a document; according to the Treasury and Internal Revenue Departments, however, occasional deviations in the philatelic press and elsewhere go practically unheeded. We have seen several cases where revenue stamps have been illustrated in accordance with the laws governing postage stamp illustrations and nothing was ever said about it.

**REVENUES FROM 1914** to date are still usable on Documents, but only those of the past four years may be redeemed by the Treasury Department.

**IT'S A SHAME** that our Federal Government destroyed our Stock Transfer stamps when they became obsolete this year. They could have been press-cancelled and sold to collectors in sets in order to please them and bolster our sadly depleted Treasury! Other obsolete Federal stamps were sold to collectors (Newspaper 1899 and Potato Tax 1936) so why not those? It's been done before, so why not more????

**SERIES CODES** on Tobacco and other "Taxpaid" stamps, denotes the year of issue by adding 1830 to the series number. The stamps with the series overprinted on outdated series are interesting, especially the nearly 100 varieties recently overprinted "Series 121" and "Series 122". In some few cases both series numbers were overprinted on the same stamps.

**SCOTT'S PRICING** of the Wine and Playing Card stamps in the last few years marks a big gain in their popularity as collectors are now adding them to their collections. What would happen if "Scott's" were allowed to picture them and all the other Revenues which they list? We predict that popularity would soar, as a picture is worth a thousand words!

**THE FIRST REVENUE STAMPS**, that is, perforated and adhesive, were issued in October of 1853 by Great Britain: 1 penny "Draft" and "Receipt" stamps. Many "seals" were issued previously and the first imperforate adhesive revenue stamps were issued by Spain in 1852. These were inscribed "Sellos" and were very large and quite unlike "stamps" as we know them today.

**1917 U.S. POSTAL TAX** was paid with Documentary stamps on small packages at 1c for each 25c of postage. This accounts for the 1917 Documentaries you may see with postal cancellations.

**M&M PRICES** generally run 1/4 to 1/2 of catalog price, but fine copies bring up to full catalog value. To understand this, just think of the hard usage the majority of stamps had when they were used to seal the corks on the bottles of proprietary medicines. Yes, they are hard to get in fine condition!

**POTATO TAX EXEMPT** stamps were issued for only one month beginning December 6, 1935 as follows: (Values in pounds) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50, 100, 150, and 165 pounds. Only four of these values are known to have survived in collectors hands — 2, 5, 10 and 50!

**AMG REVENUES** known are: 1947- \$1, \$2; 1948- \$1, \$2, \$4; same overprinted "DM"- \$1 (5DM), \$ (10DM); 1950-5DM, 10DM, 15DM and a "Gratis" stamp. Also an AMG postage stamp was overprinted "Military Permit Official Fiscal Stamp \$1".

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## ATA Enlarges Information Board

Faced with the tremendous growth in topical collecting during 1952 and '53, the American Topical Association found that they could publish less than a third of the material wanted by their membership. Increasing the number of pages and covering a wider range of subjects at the beginning of this year, merely served to whet the appetites of the members. Hundreds of letters, asking questions on subject after subject of a topical nature swamped the twelve man information bureau set up in 1952.

To solve the problem, the ATA has enlarged the Topical Information Board to 45 members. They'll handle inquiries on more than 70 topical subjects, ranging from Americana to Zoology. More members will be added to this board to handle additional topical subjects as demand warrants. Information on the ATA can be secured by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to F. N. Catt, ATA Membership Director, 4541 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, Ill.

## Jimmy Didn't Like All The Attention

One Pound Jimmy, the Australian aborigine whose face appears on a postage stamp of that nation, shaved off his beard to avoid recognition by autograph hunters.

He was the subject of quite some international attention from the newspapers when at the request of an American collector he autographed stamps bearing his picture with his thumb-print. Jimmy can't write.

In the Scott Catalog Jimmy appears on stamps No. 227 of 1950 and 248 of 1952.

## First Day Cover Is One Month Early

Joseph F. Barron of Pittsburgh, Pa. has a unique cover which evidently came into being as the result of a postal clerk's error. It bears the new British 4d, 1/3 and 1/6 regular postage stamps which were released November 2.

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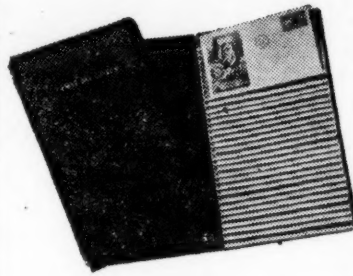
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